

Dear FCC, As an avid consumer of music and frequent radio listener, I passionately urge you not to lift the current limits of ownership in broadcast media. If anything, these limits need to be *more* strict. I live in the Chicago radio market, and it is appalling to me that, in what should be one of the most diverse markets in the country, two mega-corporations (Clear Channel and Infinity/CBS/Viacom) own and control the programming of the vast majority of the radio airwaves. As a result, Chicago's (and the rest of the country's) radio programming has become homogenized, representing only twenty to forty songs at a time, almost all of which are put out by the major record labels (of which there are five) and almost none of which represent the local music scene. This homogenization is detrimental to the scores of smaller record labels and independent musicians, and it leaves the consumer with less choice in music when so much more could exist. Lifting the current limitations on media ownership is not only unfair to the people of the United States (to whom the airwaves belong), it goes against the very spirit of democracy and capitalism that our country holds so dear by limiting the people's freedom to choose.

Thank you for your time.

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